UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO FILE (89-43)

DATE: 11/28/63

FROM SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

At approximately 3:20 PM, Asst. Director WILLIAM C. SULLIVAN called and stated he would like to talk ~~with the Agent who is~~ to interview OSWALD's wife. He further stated he desired certain info be obtained.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated Mrs. RUTH PAINE arrived at OSWALD's residence in New Orleans on 9/20/63 (date definite). She stayed there until morning of 9/23/63, when she left for home in Texas.

While there, she and MARINA OSWALD toured Bourbon St. while OSWALD stayed home to do dishes.

Mr. SULLIVAN furnished the following questions to be resolved during the interview:

1. Where was OSWALD two days before Mrs. PAINE arrived at New Orleans on 9/20/63.
2. What time of day did Mrs. PAINE arrive on 9/20/63
3. Where was OSWALD that day, 9/20/63
4. When did OSWALD stop working prior to the arrival of Mrs. PAINE
5. Did OSWALD leave New Orleans at any time between 5/14/63 and 9/20/63, the dates when Mrs. PAINE saw them
6. How did OSWALD support the family when in New Orleans
7. Did they have any bank account or safety deposit boxes (Agent should go into amount and sources of income)
8. Who financed OSWALD to travel

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9. Where was he going to get his money to travel to various European nations, including Cuba and Russia, etc., this fall

10. When did he leave for Mexico, and when did he return this fall (was in late Sept. or early Oct.)

11. What was the reason for the trip to Mexico

12. Whom did he travel with

13. What was mode of travel

14. How was trip to Mexico financed

15. Whom did he see while in Mexico

16. Did her husband have any extra money on his return, and if so, what did he say about the source of it

17. Did her husband drive or own an automobile of his own. If not, whose automobile did he drive when he traveled.

On 9/19/63, OSWALD charged out two books from the New Orleans Public library.

1. Does his wife remember this

2. Does she know what the books were and why he charged them out

3. Does she know where her husband was immediately prior to charging out these books on 9/19/63, particularly on 9/18/63

Emphasize to the Agent that it is extremely important to find out about his finances and in particular, any finances that may have been given to him while in Mexico and the circumstances surrounding, where, when, by whom, etc. Tell the Agent to work on this aspect before he goes to others. In other words, have him put these questions to Mrs. OSWALD first before questioning her about herself. Get everything possible about this in respect to the husband before he starts any other line of interrogation.

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The Agent may consider raising these questions:

1. How did she meet and marry her husband
2. How she was able to get travel documents from USSR
3. Her employer in USSR
4. Her education
5. Was she ever connected with Soviet Intelligence in any way
6. Was she given Intelligence assignment when she left Russia
7. What were OSWALD's dealings with KGB, USSR, or any other branch of Soviet Intelligence
8. Does she know what her husband told them when he was interviewed
9. On coming to U. S., has she been contacted by any member of the Soviet Embassy or Intelligence Agents, and if so, the details

Mr. SULLIVAN stated it is very important to determine if any Cuban representative giving any finances, anywhere else, source of finances in USSR, and connections.

Mr. SULLIVAN agreed that it is important to ask Secret Service to give us key names of donors to fund for Mrs. OSWALD. He requested that he be called when info is obtained.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated only the Agent, translator and Mrs. OSWALD should be present during the interview. The translator is BOGUSLAV. He was advised the interview would probably take place between 7:30 and 8 PM, tonight, and the mother-in-law would not be there, if at all possible.

Mr. SULLIVAN stated the initial approach should be that of a "con man" approach - to win her over. Do not start out cold interrotating her. He suggested offering sympathy. Mention something about the children, that we are glad she has decided to remain in the U. S., etc., for about ten or fifteen minutes, and gradually get into the questioning.

Mr. SULLIVAN then requested to talk with SA HEITMAN, who is to conduct the interview, and SA HEITMAN talked with him.